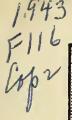
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MEAT PRODUCTION DURING 1951

Meat production in the principal livestock countries of the world, exclusive of the Far East, is estimated by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations at about 73.5 billion pounds during 1951. This is believed to be a new record high and exceeds the 1934-38 average by almost 8 percent. The increase in meat production in 1951 as compared to 1950 was due to a 7 percent increase in the output of pork which more than offset slight declines in the production of beef and lamb and mutton.

MEAT 1/: Summary of world production, 1951, with comparisons

Continent or area	: Average : 1934-38	:Preliminary:	Increase decrease 1951 1934-38	(-) 1951
North America 2/ Europe Soviet Union Middle East 6/ South America Union of South Africa Oceania	_	: 25,100	#35 - 7 #20	Percent - 1 - 4 - 2 - 7 - 5
Total 8/	68,000	:	<i>†</i> 8	<i>†</i> 2

Il/ Carcass meat-excludes offal, lard, rabbit and poultry meat. 2/ Includes United States, Canada, Mexico and Cuba. 3/ Not strictly comparable with prewar, due to territorial changes. 4/ Prewar territory. 5/ Estimates included in the total. 6/ Includes Egypt, Turkey, Iraq and Iran. 7/ Revised. 8/ Total includes 41 countries, which in 1938 produced 66.3 billion pounds of meat out of an estimated total 70 billion pounds for 67 countries, excluding China.

The upward trend in meat production reflected the general increase in livestock numbers in most countries. The strong demand for meat with consequently favorable prices during the past few years encouraged livestock producers to expand breeding and feeding programs. The increased hog numbers have resulted in considerably higher pork production. Increased cattle and sheep numbers have not resulted in increased output of beef and lamb and mutton due to the holding back from slaughter of cattle and sheep in some countries because of the desire to build up breeding herds and because of high wool prices. In other countries, especially Argentine, Mexico and Australia, beef production has been hindered by prolonged drought.

Because of the larger livestock populations in most countries the outlook appears favorable for continued high levels of meat production in 1952.

This is one of a series of regularly scheduled reports on world agricultural production approved by the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations Committee on Foreign Crop and Livestock Statistics. It is based in part upon U. S. Foreign Service reports.

MEAT 1/: Preliminary estimate of production of beef and veal, pork, mutton and lamb, and total meat in specified countries in 1951, with comparisons

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Belgium	15,25	287	311	367	376	324	88 7 4	1 0.		937		- 687
Czechoslovakia 7/	361 :	345	425		754		000	1 45	•• ••	1,032	1,123	1,282
France	2,200 :	2,160 3	2,138	1,494 8	1,742		19/ 222 :	9/ 243	.6:	4,015	4,288	4,112
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Hungary	155 :	133	178 :	196 3	148		** **		32	336	315 :	337
Italy	705 12/ 300 3	310	388	11/ 650 12/ 51	11/ 515	न्र		9/ 105 1	2/ 100	1,490	1,335 :	1,390
Norway 13/	7	102 :	119	8	102 :		33	33	35	523	24.3	238
Poland 14/	755	: 89	- 62	1,055	222		5.4		87 /6:	2,450	345	338
Rumania	245 : 292 :	252	292	375 :	374	365		, 9		522	657	- 691
Switzerland	217	188:	196 :	190 1	200		47			2.852	402	407
Yugoslavia	243	1	1	94.7			9/ 147	1	1	888		1
Soviet Union 14/15/	2,855	1	1	3,307	1		978	1	1	7,140	1	i
SOUTH AMERICA Argentina	3,645	4,395	4,380	16/ 225 :3	16/ 310 528	16/ 255 550	370:	320 : 42	320	4,240	5,025	4,955
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AFRICA Union of South Africa:	127	670	009	799	107	103	9/ 186	9/ 160	:9/ 165	149	937	898
00CEANIA Australia 10/13/1,275 New Zealand 17/ 365	13/1,275	1,392	1,431	13/ 198	189	189 :	13/ 714	668	592 615	13/2,187 1,024	2,249	2,212

Morting areas mast equivalent of live animal exports. 9/ Includes goat meat. 10/ Averages for years 1936-38. 11/ Production data for premar and postwar years are not on a comparable basis and are subject to revision. 12/ Revised. 13/ Year beginning July 1. 14/ Year 1938 for premar. 15/ Premar territory. 16/ Excludes farm production. 17/ Year beginning July 1 for premar; year ending September 30 for years 1950 and 1951. Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. Prepared or estimated on the basis of official statistics of foreign governments, reports of the United States Foreign Service officers, and other information. Data for countries having changed boundaries relate to present territory, unless otherwise noted.

